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For: PEPTIDES USEFUL FOR REDUCING SYMPTOMS OF

TOXIC SHOCK SYNDROME AND SEPTIC SHOCK

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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO AUGUST 24, 2004 OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR FOUR MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to an August 24, 2004 Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the August 24, 2004 Office Action was due September 24, 2004. Applicants hereby petition for a four month extension of time to respond. The fee for a four month extension of time for a small entity is SEVEN HUNDRED AND NINETY FIVE DOLLARS (\$795.00). Applicants enclose a check for FIVE HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS (\$510.00) and authorize charging the amount of TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$285.00) fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125. Accordingly, the total required fee of \$795.00 (i.e. \$510.00 check plus \$285.00 charged to deposit account) is being paid. Applicants have previously established small entity status. With a four month extension of time, a response is now due January 24, 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

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